

four years by the qualified electors of the State, at the same time and places and in the same manner as members of the General Assembly are elected. Their terms of office shall commence on the second Monday in January next after their election, and continue until their successors are elected and qualified.

Commencement
of terms.

SEC. 2. *Qualifications of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.* No person shall be eligible as Governor or Lieutenant-Governor unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, shall have been a citizen of the United States five years, and shall have been a resident of this State for two years next before the election; nor shall the person elected to either of these two offices be eligible to the same office more than four years in any term of eight years, unless the office shall have been cast upon him as Lieutenant-Governor or President of the Senate.

Qualifications of
Governor and
Lieutenant-
Governor.

SEC. 3. *Returns of election.* The returns of every election for officers of the Executive Department shall be sealed up and transmitted to the seat of government by the returning officer, directed to the Secretary of State. The return shall be canvassed and the result declared in such manner as may be prescribed by law. Contested elections shall be determined by a joint ballot of both Houses of the General Assembly in such manner as shall be prescribed by law.

Returns of
election.

Contested
elections.

SEC. 4. *Oath of office for Governor.* The Governor, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall, in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly, or before any Justice of the Supreme Court, take an oath or affirmation that he will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the State of North Carolina, and that he will faithfully perform the duties appertaining to the office of Governor, to which he has been elected.

Oath of office
of Governor.

SEC. 5. *General duties of Governor.* The Governor shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed, and he shall, from time to time, give the General Assembly information of the affairs of State, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall deem needful and expedient. He may at any time require the opinion in writing of the officers of the executive department upon any subject relating to their respective offices. The Governor shall reside at the seat of government of this State during his term of office.

General duties of
Governor.

Place of
residence.

SEC. 6. *Reprieves, commutations, paroles and pardons.* The Governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations, paroles and pardons, after conviction, for all offenses (except in cases of impeachment), upon such conditions as he may think proper, subject to such regulations as may be provided

Paroles and
pardons.